request of the State Government, the Ministry of Home Affairs also made available 6 coys of CRPF w.e.f. 11.11.2007 to assist the State police in maintaining law and order. At present, 04 Coys (including 01 Mahila Coy) of CRPF continue to remain deployed in Nandigram area.

(c) As per the information made available by the Government of West Bengal, 40 persons, including civilians and policemen, lost their lives in the violence in Nandigram.

Supply of drinking water in rural areas

*531. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for drinking water supply through Sustainable Community-managed Drinking Water Supply for Rural Areas of Backward Tribal Districts was sent to the Central Government; and

(b) if so, the present status of the project?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) In 2006 Government of Gujarat had submitted a proposal titled "Sustainable Community-managed Drinking Water Supply Infrastructure for Rural Areas of Backward Tribal Districts of Panchmahal and Dahod in Gujarat State" for possible external aid from Japanese Grant Aid Programme for 2008-09. The Department of Drinking Water Supply recommended this project to the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA). DEA intimated that the project was not found suitable for seeking Japan Bank of International Cooperation ODA loan, as the amount of assistance sought was very small.

However, to enable the village community to have drinking water supply scheme of their own choice *inter-alia* which includes tribal community of Panchmahal and Dahod districts, in such cases where community contribution was made under Swajaldhara prior to change in the funding pattern, the Government of India (GoI) decided to provide 90% of the project cost as GoI share. In case of Gujarat, Rs. 155.52 crore has been sanctioned as GoI share for de-centralized community-managed water sypply schemes out of which, Rs. 50.36 crore has been released in 2007-08, which also included funds for Panchmahal (138 villages) and Dahod (144 villages) districts.

Weather-proof clothes

†*532. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether weather-proof clothes are being manufactured in the country;

(b) if so, in which States;

(c) whether kosha and silk are also being used in Chhattisgarh; and

(d) the quantum of assistance Centre is providing to that State?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Multi-layer sportswear having ability to wick away perspiration quickly are manufactured in northern part of the country, especially in Ludhiana (Punjab). There are also few manufacturers in the decentralised sector producing raincoats, jackets (protection from

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cold) and wind-cheaters (protection from wind) in the States of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Delhi, West Bengal etc. However, Thermo-regulator fabrics, used especially for defence applications at high altitude, are presently being imported.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Government of India has released Central Assistance of Rs. 35.01 lakh, Rs. 25.06 lakh and Rs. 154.00 lakh during 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 respectively under various handloom Development Schemes to the Government of Chhattisgarh. In addition, Central Silk Board in collaboration with the State Government has been implementing Catalytic Development Programme (CDP) for promotion of silk sector and has spent/released and amount of Rs. 627.24 Lakhs during the last three years:

Year	Expenditure incurred [Rs. in Lakh]
2005-06	128.55
2006-07	154.69
2007-08	344.00
TOTAL	627.24

Resentment among traders due to FDI in retail sector

†*533. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there is strong resentment among the traders with regard to entry of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and corporate houses in retail sector;

(b) whether small traders have registered their protest with Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) Government has received a number of representations against permitting Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in retail trade from various industry associations, including small scale industry and retail traders. List of representations is enclosed as Statement (*See* below).

(d) Government has instituted a study to assess the impact of organized retailing on unorganized retail trade through Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER). Government has also commissioned a study to the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) on Growth Linkages of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in India, which would focus on the impact of FDI on the rural economy. The final reprots are yet to be submitted by these organisations.

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